

SENATE JOINT RESOLUTION 87

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A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Sergeant Jonathan R. Zwart, United States Marine Corps, for his meritorious military service.

WHEREAS, our nation was conceived by individuals who were willing to sacrifice their personal safety and concerns to ensure our individual and collective freedom, and the Volunteer State is especially proud to be the home of so many valiant men and women who have performed above and beyond the call of duty; and

WHEREAS, thousands of Tennesseans have continued this time-honored tradition of volunteerism through service in the United States Marine Corps; and

WHEREAS, one such brave and dedicated Tennessean is Sergeant Jonathan Zwart, who has bravely served in the Middle East to combat terrorism and ensure our freedom; he has been deployed aboard the *USS Bataan* in support of Operation Southern Watch, Operation Enduring Freedom, and Operation Iraqi Freedom in the Persian Gulf; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Zwart enlisted in the Marine Corps on July 31, 2001, and has received numerous promotions since; and

WHEREAS, a true patriot, Sergeant Zwart has fought to protect and preserve the freedoms and principles we all hold dear; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to honors and accolades, Sergeant Zwart has been awarded the Presidential Unit Citation, the Good Conduct Medal, the National Defense Service Medal, the Air Force Outstanding Unit Award, the Navy Unit Commendation with one Bronze Star, the Meritorious Unit Commendation, the Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal, the Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, the Sea Service Deployment Ribbon, the Navy and Marine Association Leadership Award, three Letters of Appreciation, and three Certificates of

Commendation; in addition, he was an Honor Graduate of his Corporal's Leadership Course Class in 2004; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Zwart continues to nobly serve as Collateral Duty Quality Assurance Representative Inspector for his entire division and as Noncommissioned Officer in Charge for the 810th Division; and

WHEREAS, deeply devoted to his family, Jonathan Zwart always endeavors to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, evincing his deep love for his family, community, and country, Sergeant Zwart epitomizes the spirit of volunteerism and commitment to service that are characteristic of all true Tennesseans; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Zwart has served his country with courage and gallantry and deserves proper recognition for his heroism in the United States Marine Corps; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE SENATE OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES CONCURRING, that we recognize and honor Sergeant Jonathan R. Zwart, United States Marine Corps, for his gallant and meritorious military service in Iraq, commend his commitment and dedication to the venerable principles of this great Nation, and wish him every success in all future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.